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1. EMBASSY RECEIVED FROM MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
NOTE NO. 154 DATED AUGUST 28, 1974 APPROVING FY-75 SFCP
PROJECTS AS DETAILED IN A-4755.

SUBSTANTIVE PORTIONS ARE QUOTED BELOW IN THEIR ENTIRETY:

QUOTE..HAS THE HONOR TO INFORM THE EMBASSY ITS APPROVAL
FOR THE PROPOSED FY 1975 SFCP SCIENCE PROGRAM FOR EGYPT.
THE MINISTRY WOULD SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS
EGYPT'S GRATITUDE TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT
FOR THIS FRIENDLY INITIATIVE CONCERNING THE MUTUAL
COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS...UNQUOTE.

2. ACTING NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR FAROUK SHILBAYA,
IN CONVEYING NOTE PERSONALLY TO EMBOFF, SUGGESTED THAT
THE EMBASSY MIGHT WISH TO ISSUED A PRESS RELEASE GIVING
SOME DETAILS OF THE PROGRAM. WE BELIEVE THIS IS AN
EXCELLENT IDEA AND UNLESS THE DEPARTMENT PERCEIVES OBJECTION,
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WE PROPOSE TO ISSUED FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE:

QUOTE-THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT HAVE AGREED ON AUGUST 28, 1974 THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICAN WILL PROVIDE THE SUM OF FIVE MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF APPROVED JOINT SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH PROJECTS TO BE CARRIED OUT BY EGYPTIAN SCIENTISTS AND AMERICAN SCIENTIST IN EGYPT. THIS AMOUNT WILL BE ALLOTTED OVER THE PERIOD FROM JULY, 1974, TO JUNE, 1975. THIS REPRESENTS AN ONGOING COMMITMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO SUPPORT JOINT RESEARCH PROJECTS BETWEEN EGYPTIAN AND AMERICAN SCIENTISTS. AT PRESENT THERE ARE 100 SUCH JOINT RESEARCH PROJECTS ALREADY IN PROGRESS AND THE 1975 PROGRAM ENVISAGES THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MORE THAN 80 NEW CUH RESEARCH PROJECTS. THE FIVE MILLION DOLLAR FIGURE REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 100 PERCENT IN THE FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE FOR SUCH JOINT RESEARCH PROJECTS BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND IS A POSITIVE STEP TOWARD THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JOINT PRINCIPALS OF EGYPTIAN/US RELATIONS WHICH WERE SIGNED ON JUNE 14, 1974.

IN FURTHERING SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION, THE JOINT EGYPTIAN/AMERICAN WORKING GROUP ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION WILL MEET IN CAIRO TO DISCUSS FURTHER PROJECTS IN THE FIRST PART OF OCTOBER. UNQUOTE.

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